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Notice of Allowability	Examiner	Art Unit
	William P. Fletcher III	1762
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2. 🔀 The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>8-12</u> .		
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendments filed 04/18/2006 and 08/04/2006 are noted.

2. Claims 8-12 are pending.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see the remarks, filed 04/18/2006, with respect to the objections and rejections set-forth in the prior Office action, have been fully considered and are persuasive. Specifically, Ikada fails to teach irradiating both the substrate and the hydrophilic polymer to induce cross-linking of the polymer. The objections and rejection are withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 8-12 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art neither teaches nor suggests the disposition of a hydrophilic polymer into the passageways of a porous substrate followed by irradiation of both the substrate and the polymer to form a hydrogel coating that swells upon contact with water.

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Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to William P. Fletcher III whose telephone number is (571)

272-1419. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 0900h-

1700h.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Timothy H. Meeks can be reached on (571) 272-1423. The fax phone

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